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However, so far as his department was concerned this top official did reveal to the committee that he had other answers in regard to other commodities.

"What about flour, do you know anything about flour?" asked one MP. "We are engaged now investigating flour," replied Mr. McGregor.

"Does that apply to eastern as well as western Canada?" he was asked, and the answer was a definite yes. Likewise, he answered in the affirmative when questioned about rolled oats, coffee, footwear, medicine, gasoline, tires, radio tubes, and sets. He made one qualification under men's wear, stating that "there are certain types of men's wear in which we are interested."

OBJECTIVE OF REGULATIONS

"It can be put very simply," Trade Minister Howe told the House of Commons. "The objective guiding our administration is to encourage industries, activities and practices which will earn or save U.S. dollars. A necessary test is that these industries in so far as possible will use Canadian resources. New industries must be economically sound, capable of standing on their own feet and competing successfully on the temporary protection of import restrictions is withdrawn."

This is extremely important, observers along Parliament Hill hold, since it is no secret that existing businesses or those in contemplation may think that they can take temporary advantage of the import bans or restrictions put on by the Canadian Government solely with the objective of gaining benefits from Canada's present unfortunate and serious U.S. dollar shortage. Apparently, they would be ill-advised to do so since there is an obvious intention on the part of the authorities in this capital to lift these bans or restrictions just as soon as the dollar position will warrant.

SLOW PROGRESS

The latest forecast heard in this capital is that the fourth session of the 20th Parliament may not conclude before Dominion Day or at least not much prior to that date, judging from the heavy program facing the legislators and the rate of progress made up to this time. Some extremely important legislation is yet to be considered and the agenda is heavy. However it has been noted in the past that when the payments on the sessional indemnity run out, proceedings start to speed up and the indemnity monthly payments will run out the full sessional amount of \$4,000 approximately toward the end of June. Consequently, ob-

servers are predicting that possibly this may be the concluding date.

DEMANDS LIFTING OF BAN

Though the bill was defeated in the Senate by 43 to 26 and 38 to 22 in the last two sessions, Senator W. D. Eulor has again demanded approval of his bill to lift the ban on the manufacture, sale and importation of oleomargarine, claiming that "every ingredient required for the manufacture of oleomargarine can be supplied in abundance from Canadian farms thereby supplying considerable revenue to the Canadian farmer." At the same time, he argued that the recent Canadian proposal for Newfoundland to become a tenth province, though continuing to make oleomargarine there but not send it to any province of Canada, was a "flagrant" violation of the principles of Confederation.

ONE BIG REASON

If the Canadian mining industry was important before, it is doubly important now because certain materials needed in atomic and jet propulsion development which Canada had and the United States lacked, were one big reason that there was at present a great desire on the part of some Americans for integration of the Canadian and U.S. economies, it was stated at a meeting here of mining and metallurgical experts.

SAID IN THE CAPITAL

The question of Communists entering Canada has been under consideration by the Department of Immigration and also, to a limited extent, by the Government said Premier Mackenzie King, when the question of communists from U.S. entering Canada was raised in the House of Commons.

"I am a very strong believer in publicity," remarked F.A. McGregor, Commissioner under the Combines Investigation Act, discussing the prices angle at the probe.

"The Government is turning away from the causes of inflation and looking for effects," commented J. M. Macdonnell, MP, warning about ignoring inflation threats.

"The big contributing factor in reducing our losses by fire during 1947 was weather and it is an accepted fact that weather is neither reliable enough nor predictable enough to fight fire with," stated E. G. Oldham, Superintendent of the Forest and Wildlife Service of the Northwest Territories District.

"Unless there is world control of the atomic bomb, there is a grave danger that Russia may use it for the destruction of the democracies which she believes without any doubt are her enemies," declared Senator J. W. Farris here.

"The unfairness of the 8% tax on newspaper, as presently applied, I think is quite manifest," said Douglas Harkness, MP, in the House of Commons.

"We want to get a square deal for

the little fellow," emphasized Geo. Christiansen, National director of the food section for the Retail Merchants Association, testifying before the special prices committee of Parliament. "Unless something is done you are going to say goodbye to him."

WEEKLY WINDUP

Groups which urged increased pensions and student allowances for veterans are not showing great enthusiasm for the announced amendment to the Pensions Act on the ground that the increases were really not enough under present conditions particularly in the cases of total disability pensioners and widows.

A bill to be brought before Parliament this session by the joint committee of the House of Commons and Senate may well prove to be the "Magna Charta" for the Indians of Canada, according to L. J. Raymond, MP, a member of this committee.

The establishment of a federal highway commission to advise and co-ordinate efforts for the completion of the paved highway across this country was urged by a delegation which met a committee of the Cabinet here.

It is claimed here that there ought to be a drastic check-up of those who are responsible for turning on and off the lights in this capital since in face of a serious shortage of power, lights can be seen burning during daylight hours or in bright sunshine.

Senator Ian Mackenzie, newest of the Senators and former Veterans Minister, is causing some talk along Parliament Hill by his criticism of the upper chamber's practice of sending matters to committee before they have been approved in principle.

An eight-man delegation came here to urge repeal of an Order-in-Council which prevents wives and children in China from joining Chinese in Canada who are not Canadian citizens with the repeal of the Chinese Immigration Act about a year ago technically allowing in the families of those who were citizens but none had taken advantage of it.

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Commenting on the recent town elections, the Legion is very well pleased with the fact that one of the Legionnaires, namely Frank R. Taylor proved to be so popular as a public worker that he was re-elected for another three-year term as a Town Councillor, scoring the higher number of votes of the two councillors elected.

This month in place of the regular meeting, a Ladies night will be held in the Opera House on Wednesday, March 10th, to which all war veterans and their partners are cordially invited, regardless of being a member or non-member of the Local Branch. A good program and dance with refreshments is planned for the event.

Another interesting event in support of the Legion Memorial Hall is planned in the Opera House for Saturday, March 27th, at which an exhibition of Japanese Judo by expert athletes will be the main feature of the program. All sport fans and the general public are well-advised to watch for further announcement of this exceedingly interesting public exhibition of Japanese Jiu Jitsu which met with such tremendous success recently at the University of Alberta in Edmonton and other points in the province.

NEWS NOTES

The Athenaeum met March 1st at the Library for their regular monthly meeting with President Irene Halladay in charge. The subject for study was Canada and the following members took part: Mrs. Della Woolf on Canadian Biographies, Mrs. Opal Wiggill on Canadian Musicians, and what Canada is doing for young musicians. Mrs. Ruby McMullin,



C.E. Jefferson (top left), general traffic manager, C.P.R.; H.W. Gillis (top right), Gerald Ham (bottom left), and G.F. Buckingham (bottom right), freight traffic managers. Important changes in the C.P.R.'s traffic department see C.E. Jefferson assume the position of general traffic manager at Montreal, H.W. Gillis and Gerald Ham become system freight traffic managers at Montreal and G.F. Buckingham taking over the post of freight traffic manager at Winnipeg for Western Canada and United States Pacific Coast Agencies.

Canadian Industries and Mrs. Irene Halladay, Canadian people. A committee of two, Mrs. Wiggill and Mrs. Woolf were appointed to plan for a silver tea to raise funds for the club. Miss Ramona Heggie was a week end visitor at the home of her parents returning Sunday evening to Calgary.

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